

EZRA CORNELL.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 826.]

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JUNE 11, 1860.

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Mr. FRANK, from the Committee on Patents, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Ezra Cornell, report:*

That on the 28th February, 1844, Ezra Cornell obtained letters patent for a new and useful mode of laying telegraphic conductors under ground, designated "Cornell's Improved Pipe-layer;" that owing to the fact that there was at that time no mode of insulating the wire under ground, the invention did not produce any profit to the inventor; that said Ezra Cornell intended to apply for a renewal of his patent, but owing to a misapprehension of the law neglected to make his application in time. He now asks that the letters patent may be renewed, if the Commissioner of Patents is of opinion that it presents a proper case for renewal had the application been made within the time required by law. The committee believing that under the circumstances the relief asked ought to be granted, have reported the accompanying bill.

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